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ELECTION AFFIRMATION

Applicants hereby affirm the election of Group I, claims 1-25. Applicants also hereby affirm the Examiner's cancellation of claims 26-43. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-25.

Respectfully submitted,

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